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Subject: Unable to open data in STATA

Posted by [Furquan Mohammad Khan](#) on Sun, 10 Mar 2024 18:18:19 GMT

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I am unable to use the data in my STATA. It shows that my laptop is insufficient to handle the data. However, I bought this laptop in Jan 2024 only. The problem is with the large size of data file. Can somebody help me out.

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Subject: Re: Unable to open data in STATA

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Mon, 11 Mar 2024 11:43:57 GMT

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You are probably using the IC or "inter-cooled" version of Stata. Most Stata users have the SE version. We strongly recommend that you get an upgrade to Stata 14 SE. To accommodate more variables in Stata SE, please use the following command: `set maxvar 20000`

There is no simple workaround for this problem. The only way I know how to handle it is to download the .do, .dct, and .dat files that are used to construct the .dta file, edit the .do and .dct files by deleting big blocks of variables, and then reconstructing the .dta file.

Another possibility, if you have SPSS and Stat Transfer, would be to open the SPSS .sav file, delete blocks of variables within SPSS, save, and then convert the reduced .sav file to a .dta file with StatTransfer.

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